

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

HISTORY

2593

Independent Investigation (Open Book Examination)

Exam to be sat on any day selected by each centre from Monday 17 April 2006 to Monday 15 May 2006.

Additional materials:

- Candidates books and notes.
- One 8-page Answer Book.

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer book.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates may use their notes and books in this coursework examination.

Every question is marked out of 90.

Candidates may confine their answer to one country or draw from several countries. The choice is theirs.

Candidates may not discuss any period before 786AD.

Candidates should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

In their essay, candidates must **either** use and evaluate primary and/or secondary source material which is relevant to their chosen question **or** must explain and evaluate interpretations of the historical events and topics studied, **or** both.

Candidates should end their essay with their bibliography. This may be typed out ahead of the exam and then attached to the answer book with a tag.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Answer one question.

- 1 **The Arts and History**
To what extent have either the visual arts or the expressive arts been dictated by the nature of the society from which they originated? Answer with reference to any period you have studied.
- 2 **Economic History**
Assess the link between economic factors and major changes in society in any period you have studied.
- 3 **The Individual in History**
Evaluate at least two competing interpretations of any individual you have studied.
- 4 **Local History**
Using examples from any locality, assess the strengths and limitations of local history.

[note: 'locality' can be any hamlet, village, town, county or region in the world]
- 5 **Military History**
'Military history has no purpose other than that of recounting the details of particular battles and wars.' With reference to any period you have studied, how far do you agree with this view?
- 6 **Political History**
Which has caused the greater threat to established government: the powerful or the powerless?
Discuss with reference to any period you have studied.
- 7 **Religious History**
With reference to any period you have studied, assess the view that internal divisions do more to weaken religious movements than external threats.
- 8 **Science, Technology and History**
With reference to any period you have studied, assess the relative importance of factors that tend to advance scientific and/or technological progress.
- 9 **Social History**
With reference to any period you have studied, assess the effectiveness of attempts to resolve the problem of poverty.
- 10 **World History**
'On the whole, the influence of European civilization on other parts of the world has been beneficial!' How far is this true of any period you have studied?

[note: answers may focus on one state (e.g. Kenya), region (e.g. East Africa), larger area (e.g. Sub-Saharan Africa) or continent]